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OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES TO CHARACTERIZE THE DETERMINANTS OF EXPOSURE TO CHEMICALS IN THE ENVIRONMENT FOR EARLY- LIFESTAGE AGE GROUPS

General Information

Announcement Type:	Amendment Three
Funding Instrument Type:	CA
Funding Opportunity Number:	EPA-ORD-08-27294
Posted Date:	September 8, 2008
Due Date for Applications:	Cancelled
Archive Date:	(To be completed by GAD)
Category of Funding Activity:	Environment
Anticipated Number of Awards:	1
Anticipated Total Program Funding:	\$2,500,000
Award Ceiling:	\$2,500,000
Award Floor:	\$2,500,000
CFDA Number:	66.511 ORD Consolidated Research
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	None
Geospatial Information	It is anticipated that the agreement that is awarded will not involve or relate to geospatial information.

Eligible Applicants

Programs under CFDA 66.511 are available to each State, territory and possession, and Tribal nation of the United States, including the District of Columbia, for public and private State universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, State and local government departments, and other public or private nonprofit institutions and in some cases, individuals who have demonstrated unusually high scientific ability. Profit-making firms are not eligible to receive awards. Eligible nonprofit organizations include any organizations that meet the definition of nonprofit in OMB Circular A-122. However, nonprofit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 are not eligible to apply. Universities and educational institutions must be subject to OMB Circular A-21.

Federal Agency Name

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Description

The purpose of this Amendment Three is to cancel this funding announcement.

It is of the utmost importance that all research studies conducted or supported by the U.S. EPA meet the highest ethical and scientific standards. Toward that end, the Agency has invested over two years developing *Scientific and Ethical Approaches for Observational Exposure Studies* (SEAOES) (<http://www.epa.gov/nerl/sots>), a document outlining the highest ethical standards and scientific approaches for designing and conducting observational exposure studies. This document has undergone extensive external and public review.

Given the importance of following the guidelines contained in the SEAOES document, Administrator Johnson is taking action to identify it as an Agency Guidance Document, setting its procedures and protocols as official EPA policy. This will provide additional assurance that all observational exposure studies conducted or supported by the US EPA are conducted in accordance with the SEAOES document. Furthermore, to ensure the utmost confidence in the approaches used in the conduct of the subject RFA, we believe that the SEAOES document must first become an Agency Guidance Document, thus this RFA is being cancelled until further notice.

The Agency regrets any inconvenience this action may cause.